GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CORRUPTION IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether corruption is increasing day by day in procurement system in Railways;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware of the involvement of mafias in procurement system;

(c) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last two years; and

(d) the action taken against the officers found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. No major incidence of corruption or involvement of mafia has come to notice in the procurement system. There is a well laid down system for procurement with proper checks and balances. There is also a system of carrying out preventive checks and complaint investigation by the Vigilance department to check irregularities in purchases.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.